

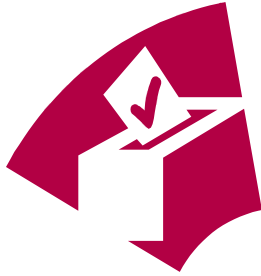
Sara Bynum-King  
Town Manager



Fall 2012  
Sept., Oct., Nov.

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## **Town of Delmar, Delaware Special Election**



The Town of Delmar, Delaware will be holding a Special Election on Thursday, September 27, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Special Election will be held at the Town Hall located at 100 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, Delmar, Maryland. The purpose of the Special Election is on whether the Town should borrow an amount of money not to exceed \$400,000 to finance the Town's share of the construction costs associated with the renovation and alteration of the former municipal building for its future use as a public safety building.

At this Special Election, every person who would be entitled to vote at a biannual election, if held on that day, shall be entitled to one vote. To be eligible to vote in this upcoming special election, persons must be a resident of the Town of Delmar, Delaware for at least six (6) months prior to election and be at least 18 years of age by the date of the election. Voter registration deadline is Friday, September 7, 2012 with the applications being available at Town Hall, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

**Note:** The proposed renovation of the former municipal building expenses will be shared between both Towns: Delmar, MD at 60% and Delmar, DE at 40%. The proposed \$400,000 loan is to cover Delmar, DE's portion of the cost share.



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## **Town of Delmar, Delaware Municipal Elections**

The Delmar, Delaware Municipal Elections for one (1) Mayor (two year term) and two (2) Council Members (four year term) will be held on Monday, October 1, 2012 at the Delmar Town Hall located in Delmar, Maryland at 100 S. Pennsylvania Avenue. Qualified voters may vote between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

### **2012 ELECTION SCHEDULE**

Deadline for Candidate Filing

Friday, September 7, 2012 by  
4:30 p.m.

Deadline for Voters to Register

Friday, September 7, 2012 by  
4:30 p.m.

Deadline for Absentee Ballot Applications

Friday, September 7, 2012 by  
4:30 p.m.

### **ELECTION DATE**

**Monday, October 1, 2012**

**Starting at 7:00 a.m.,  
closing at 7:00 p.m. or  
Until the last person in  
Line at the close of the  
Doors has voted.**

**Qualifications for Mayor and Council Member are as follows:**

- (a) Be a citizen of the United States,
- (b) Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age on the date of the general election,
- (c) Have no felony convictions,
- (d) Reside in the State of Delaware for at least one (1) year prior to the date of the general election,
- (e) Reside in the corporate limits of the Town of Delmar for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the date of the general election,
- (f) Be a qualified voter of the Town of Delmar on the date of the general election and
- (g) Each of the qualifications for Town Mayor or Councilperson shall be a continuing qualification to hold office and the failure of any of the Mayor and Councilpersons to have any qualifications required during the terms of his or her office will create a vacancy in the office.

**Anyone wishing to declare their candidacy** must fill out a Certificate of Intention form at the Town Hall located at 100 S. Pennsylvania Ave., no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday September 7, 2012. No person shall file for nomination to more than one (1) elective town public office at any time.

**To be eligible to vote** in this upcoming municipal election, persons must be at least 18 years of age, and who has resided in the Town of Delmar, Delaware and the State of Delaware for at least six (6) months before the day of the election and must register at Town Hall. Voter registration is Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 100 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, Delmar, MD. Registration deadline is Friday, September 7, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. The deadline to receive an application for an absentee ballot is 4:30 p.m. Friday, September 17, 2012. All absentee ballots must be returned no later than 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 1, 2012

Please contact Town Hall with any questions at (302)846-2664 or (410)896-2777, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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## TOWN HALL FLAG DEDICATION



On July 14, 2012, VFW Commander Kenny Ralph and Craig Smith performed a Flag Dedication ceremony at the new Delmar Municipal Building. Luther Hitchens from the American Legion was also in attendance and presented to the Town an extra U.S. Flag. Delmar Maryland Commissioners and Delaware Council Members participated in the ceremony.

### **2012 Delmar Heritage Pride Day Celebration**

The 2012 Delmar Heritage Pride Day has been scheduled for Saturday, September 22, 2012. Activities are to begin in the downtown business district. They will include an opening ceremony with a tribute to the New Century Club's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Delmar Veterans at 9:00 a.m. The opening will be followed by an re-enactment of one of President Lincoln's speeches to the troops given on the steps of the Town's caboose; a car show presented by the Delaware Mustang Club; food & craft vendors; a farmer's market; a Kid's Zone at the Delmar Nursing Home and a dance performance by D'Ann Dance Studios. There will be live musical performances by the Delmar HS Acappella Chorus, folk singer Angela Natrin and the Bluegrass Band, Riffshakers throughout the day. The library will host "Rails in Delaware" at 10:30 am at its Bi-State location. Afternoon events and activities are to include a skateboard contest, basketball tournament and a baseball game at Gordy Park. The Celebration will conclude with 8:00 pm fireworks at Mason-Dixon Park.

More details and event times will be posted on the Town's website and at Town Hall and the library in the coming weeks. There will also be flyers at participating businesses, in local news media and via community service broadcasts. Plan to attend and bring your friends. A fun-filled day for all ages has been planned.

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### **Community Development Block Grant Program**

Delmar, DE- Sussex County Community Development & Housing Department will begin the application process for the 2013 DE CDBG Housing Rehab Program for Delmar, DE and Sussex County residents. The 2013 funding application will be submitted by Sussex County February, 2013. The Town of Delmar Community Development Office has begun accepting applications. Interested resident/occupant homeowners should contact William Hardin, Community Development Coordinator at 302-846-2664, ext. 103 for

additional program information and to obtain an application.

William Hardin  
Community Development Coordinator

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### **Notice From Public Works**

Fire Hydrant Flushing will occur on Friday, October 19, 2012, starting at 9:00 p.m. and lasting until completion. Low water pressure and/or discoloration may be experienced temporarily. We suggest storing water in advance for this period and we apologize in advance.

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### **Town Hall Holiday Closings**

Monday, Sept. 3, 2012- Labor Day  
Thursday & Friday, Nov. 22&23- Thanksgiving

### **Change in Meeting Dates Due to Holiday Closings**

Planning & Zoning, Thurs. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 7 pm  
Public Works, Mon. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 6 pm  
Utility Comm., Mon. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm  
Joint Council, Mon. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 7 pm

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### **Senior Discount on Taxes**

Delmar property owners who meet the following qualifications can apply to receive a **5% discount** on their annual property taxes:

- 1) One of the property owners has attained the age of 65 years of age by March 1<sup>st</sup> of the year the application is filed.
  - 2) As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, they are the sole owners of the property; they reside on said property 7 out of the 12 months of the year; that the property is used exclusively for residential purposes for the owners and that the property taxes are current.
- The application **MUST** accompany payment to receive the discount. If you send your tax bill to your mortgage company to pay your taxes, the application **MUST** be remitted with your payment in order to receive your discount.

**Please be informed that no discounts will be given after September 30, 2012 or after initial payment has been received and processed.**

The discount is on property taxes only; this

**DOES NOT** apply to the garbage fee. There is an application included within this newsletter that can be filled out and returned **WITH** your tax payment.

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### **CURBSIDE RECYCLING DELMAR, DELAWARE**

The State of Delaware Legislators have enacted legislation which mandates state wide curbside recycling for Delaware residents. All

Delmar, Delaware residents were delivered one 95 gallon brown recycle container for your use. The curbside recycle pick-up occurs every other Friday with the next ones being (at the time of the writing of this newsletter) Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>, then Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>, Sept. 14, etc.

No separation of recyclables is required. Household garbage IS NOT to be placed in the recycle container. GLASS WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.

Items to be collected:

- 1) Paper- newspaper, phone books, magazines, white office paper, junk mail corrugated cardboard, paperboard /boxboard)
  - 2) Cans- aluminum and steel
  - 3) Plastic bottles- soda, bleach, detergents
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### **Delmar Fire Department 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Sportsman's Giveaway**

The Delmar Fire Department will be holding its' 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Sportsman's

Giveaway on Saturday, November 3, 2012. Doors open at 11:00 am and drawings start at 1:00 pm. Tickets bought or postmarked before October 1, 2012 are eligible for five \$500.00 early bird drawings. You can get tickets from any member or by calling the Firehouse at 302-846-2530. We are unable to accept donations through PayPal this year. You can mail your \$25.00 donations c/o: The Ways and Means Committee, Delmar Fire Dept., P.O. Box 143, Delmar, DE. 19940.

Checks should be made payable to the Delmar Fire Department and must be 18 years of age to enter. Only 5000 tickets will be sold. There will be free food and refreshments, a cash bar, and

additional raffle tickets will be sold. \*Guns may be exchanged for Gander Mountain Gift Cards.

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### **Homecoming Game and Parade**

The Delmar School District will be holding its' Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 27, 2012 starting at 11:00 am. The parade will line up in front of the Police Station on Pennsylvania Ave., making a right onto State Street, then making a left at the traffic light and then a right onto Lincoln Ave. traveling straight to the High School. At 1:30 pm, the Delmar High School Football Team will be playing against Polytech High School for their homecoming game.

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### **Delmar School District Schedule**

**Aug. 23-** 5<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grades Report

**Aug. 24-** All Students Report

**Aug. 31-** Labor Day- Schools & Offices Closed

**Sept. 3-** Labor Day- Schools & Offices Closed

**Sept. 4-7** DCAS Reading & Math  
(Grades 5&6)

**Sept. 6-** High School Pictures

**Sept. 7-** Middle School Pictures

**Sept. 10-13-** DCAS Reading & Math  
(Grades 7&8)

**Sept. 10-** Parent Resources Impacting Delmar  
Education Seminar

**Sept. 12-** Senior Make-Up Pictures

**Sept. 14-** Jostens Class Ring Orders

**Sept. 22-** Delmar Heritage & Pride Day

**Sept. 24-** School Closed for Students

**Sept. 28-** Progress Reports Distributed

**Sept. 25-28-** DCAS Math (Grades 9&10)

**Oct. 2-5** DCAS Reading (Grades 9&10)

**Oct. 8-** Parent Resources Impacting Delmar  
Education Seminar

**Oct. 8-12-** Fire Prevention Week

**Oct. 12-** Jostens Senior Orders

**Oct. 17-** PSAT (All 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Students)

**Oct. 18-** Make-Up Pictures (Grades 5-11)

**Oct. 19-** School Closed for Students

**Oct. 22-26-** Homecoming Spirit Week

**Oct. 26-** Middle School Homecoming Dance  
(6:30 pm -8:30 pm)

**Oct. 27-** Homecoming Parade (11:00 am)  
Homecoming Football Game  
(1:30 pm)

High School Homecoming Dance  
(7:30 -10:30 pm)

**Oct. 29-** First Quarter Marking Period Ends



**Nov. 6-** General Election Day- Schools & Offices Closed  
**Nov. 7-** Report Cards Distributed  
**Nov. 8-** Delaware Return's Day- Schools & Offices Close at 11:45 am  
**Nov. 9-** High School Veteran's Day Service 10:00 am  
**Nov. 12-16-** American Education Week  
**Nov. 12-** Parent Resources Impacting Delmar Education Seminar  
**Nov. 15-** Parent-Teacher Conference Night (5:00 pm-7:00pm)  
**Nov. 21-23** Thanksgiving Break & Holiday Schools and Offices Closed

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### Delmar Wildcats Varsity Football Schedule



**Fri. Sept. 7-** Home Game vs. Dundalk HS 7pm  
**Sat. Sept. 15-** Home Game vs. John Carroll School 1:30 pm  
**Sat. Sept. 22-** Away Game vs. St. Elizabeth HS at Baynard Stadium 7 pm  
**Fri. Sept. 28-** Away Game vs. Washington High School at Washington High 6:30 pm  
**Fri. Oct. 5-** Home Game vs. Indian River HS 7:30 pm  
**Fri. Oct. 12-** Away Game vs. Seaford HS at Seaford High 7:30 pm  
**Fri. Oct. 19-** Away Game vs. Lake Forest HS at Lake Forest High 7:30 pm  
**Sat. Oct. 27-** Home Game vs. Polytech HS 1:30 pm. **Homecoming Game**  
**Fri. Nov. 2-** Home Game vs. Laurel HS 7:30 pm  
**Fri. Nov. 9-** Away Game vs. Woodbridge HS at Woodbridge HS 7:30 pm

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**Delmar Public Library**  
 Beginning September 4, 2012, the Delmar Public Library is changing its hours of operation. The Library's new hours are:

Mon-Thurs. 10 am until 8 pm  
 Friday 10 am until 5 pm  
 Saturday 10 am until 2 pm  
 Sunday closed

**Youth Programs:** Pages and Pizza, a book discussion group for middle school and high school students, will meet Sept. 17, Oct. 15, and

Nov. 19 at 4pm. Wii Events meets every Tuesday at 3pm. Crafts programs, scrapbooking, movies, and other special events are scheduled for the fall.

**Preschool** story time meets every Wednesday morning at 10:15 am

**Adult Programming:** On Sat. Sept. 22, at 11:30 am, join Mike Dixon at the Library as he presents "Rails in Delaware", a slide-illustrated program that traces the social history of trains in the First State, from the beginning of the railroad age to the present. This program is presented as part of Delmar Heritage Pride Day and in coordination with the Delaware Humanities Forum.

**Decorative Painting** is scheduled for Sept. 13th and 27<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

**Yoga Classes** return to the Library in October and November on Wednesday evenings.

**Books That Shaped America**, a book discussion begins Sept. 24, at 7 pm. Based upon the Library of Congress' recently issued list of books written by Americans that have influenced our lives, the discussion is intended to spark conversation.

**The Friends of the Delmar Library** will meet on Sept. 12, Oct. 16, and Nov. 14 at 7 pm. The Friends semi-annual book sale is also scheduled this autumn.

**The Library will be closed** on Monday, September 3 (Labor Day), September 27 (Sussex County Library Staff Development Day), October 8 (Columbus Day), November 12 (Veteran's Day), and November 22 and 23 (Thanksgiving).

**Contact** the Library at 302-846-9894, like them on Facebook, email them at

[Delmar.Library@lib.de.us](mailto:Delmar.Library@lib.de.us), or visit the Library for a complete monthly schedule for children and adults.

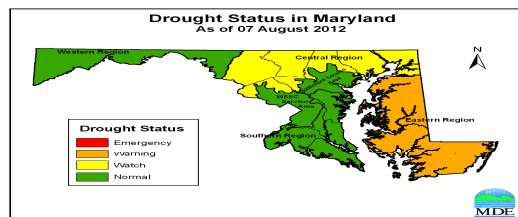
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### DROUGHT WARNING IN EFFECT FOR EASTERN MARYLAND

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) announced on August 6, 2012 that a drought "warning" is in effect for the Eastern region of Maryland.

The MDE monitors precipitation, stream flow, groundwater levels and reservoir storage to determine the drought status for each of the six regions of the state. If two or more of the four

indicators for a region reach “watch”, “warning”, or “emergency” levels, then the region is placed in the corresponding status. During a drought warning, local water systems should implement water conservation measures. Residents and businesses should also look for ways to reduce non-essential water usage. Local water systems, municipal and county governments can require water-use restrictions at any time due to local conditions, but MDE is not at this time aware of any jurisdictions implementing voluntary or mandatory restrictions due to conditions.



The Eastern region includes Kent, Queen Anne’s, Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset, and Worcester counties. Monitoring shows that groundwater and rainfall for the region are at “warning” levels and stream flow is at the “emergency” level. Rainfall in the Eastern region in the six months since Jan. 31, 2012, is on average 6.6 inches below normal. The MDE provides recommendations for each drought status. Actions recommended for the “warning” stage includes:

- 1-Residences, businesses, and industry voluntarily comply with nonessential water use restrictions.
- 2-Water systems actively implement water conservation measures, individually contact industrial users to reduce water usage, and discontinue flushing water lines, fire hydrants and distribution equipment.
- 3-Facility managers for government buildings identify leaks and accelerate maintenance and/or repairs.

“While MDE encourages citizens to conserve water at all times, conservation becomes especially necessary when we are under a drought warning. If every Marylander takes even small steps, like fixing leaks, using appliances that save water and waiting to run the dishwasher until it’s full, we really can make a difference.” – Robert M. Summers, Secretary, Maryland Department of the Environment.

### Gas Pipeline Public Awareness Safety Information About Underground Natural Gas Facilities

The Natural Gas providers of Delmar would like you to know that since the pipelines for natural gas are buried underground, line markers like these shown below are used to indicate their approximate location along the route. The markers can be found where a pipeline intersects a street, highway, water crossing or railway. The markers also show the material transported in the line, the name of the pipeline operator, and a telephone number where the operator can be reached in case of an emergency.



### How do you recognize a natural gas leak?

**Sight-** look for fire or explosion near a pipeline, a spot of dead or discolored vegetation amid healthy plants, bubbles coming from bodies or pools of water, or dirt being blown in the air. These may be signs of a possible leak around the pipeline area.

**Sound-** Listen for any unusual noise like a hissing or roaring sound

**Smell-** A penetrating and pungent odor similar to rotten eggs may accompany a pipeline leak. DO NOT remain in the area. Natural Gas is odorless by nature so for safety sake, an odorant called mercaptan is added so that you may know if gas is escaping and recognize that a potentially dangerous situation may exist.

### If You Suspect You Have A Leak, Please Follow These Precautions:

**DO** leave your home or building immediately and go upwind of the suspected leak.

**DO** immediately call 911 from a cell phone outside the house or building to report the suspected gas leak.

**DO NOT** use your home phone, turn on or off light switches, light a match or do anything that might create a spark of flame

**DO NOT** re-enter the building where the leak is suspected until emergency professionals give the okay.

**TOWN OF DELMAR-DE/MD**  
**Application for Senior Citizen Discount**

Owner (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax ID: \_\_\_\_\_

(Can be completed by Town Hall Employee)

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**THE APPLICANTS DO HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM:**

1. That one of the property owners has attained the age of 65 years by March 1<sup>st</sup> of the year the application is filed.
2. That as of March 1<sup>st</sup> they are the sole owner of the property; they reside on said property 7 out of 12 months of the year; that the property is used exclusively for residential purposes; and that property taxes are current.

**I hereby swear and affirm that this information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and further understand that a false declaration in this application will subject me to the penalties provided by the law for perjury.**

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**Signature**

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**Date**

**Form MUST accompany payment to receive discount.**

Please be informed that no discounts will be given after September 30<sup>th</sup> or after initial payment has been received and processed. The allowed discount **is 5% of the Property Taxes** only. **This does not apply to the garbage fee.** If your taxes are paid through escrow by your mortgage company, please complete this form and forward it to your mortgage company with your tax bill. Applications will not be sent directly to the mortgage companies. If you have any questions pertaining to this application please call (410) 896-2777 or (302) 846-2664, Extension 107.

**Attention Mortgage Companies: Please include application when submitting payment for qualified residents.**

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